Review of system by TRAI

†*239.SHRIMATIMAYASINGH: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that TRAI is reviewing the system keeping in view the hindrances related to slow uptake by Broadband;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the progress made with regard to action taken/to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) to (c) After reviewing the progress made for provisioning of broadband connections, TRAI has recently sent a communication to Government recommending that Government should conduct a review of various provisions of Broadband Policy and should have reconsiderations of TRAI's earlier recommendation is pertaining to local loop unbundling and fiscal incentives for Broadband. These recoomendations were a part of the TRAI's recommendations on accelerating growth of internet and braodband penetration submitted in April, 2004. After considering these recommendations, Government announced Broadband Policy, 2004 on 14th October, 2004 with a view to provide inpetus to Broadband and Internet penetration in the country and the recommendations pertaining to local loop unbundling and fiscal incentives were generally not agreed to.

However, the recent communication from TRAI is under examination.

Computerization of Post Offices

*240. SHRI S. ANBALAGAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the number of Post Offices that have been computerized for counter work and back-office work are very less in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the steps proposed to be taken for the computerization of all the Post Offices in the country, so as to create an all India computer-network for the Post Offices; and

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.